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To Whom it may concern,
The Proposed change to the Court Rule would allow even the police report to be withheld from defense counsel until after the preliminary examination, thus preventing effective assistance of counsel unless we as defense counselors get the reports ourselves. Quite often in court appointed cases we are appointed within days of the preliminary examination and do not have time to obtain the police reports which the prosecutor already has. The defendant is then basically forced to waive his 14 day right for the preliminary hearing because information is needed to adequately represent the defendant during the prelim. Quite frankly I believe the discovery rules should not only apply prior to the preliminary examination but also to misdemeanor cases too.

Thank you for your time.

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